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SECRET WARSTM **II**

**THE
BEYONDER...
BERSERK!**



Beyond time, space, and the myriad dimensions lies another universe to which our own is as a droplet of water to the ocean. The One Who Is All in that other universe has learned of our universe and has come here to walk among us, that he might come to understand the essence of humanity.

The fragile Earth trembles beneath his feet, dreading his godlike omnipotence.

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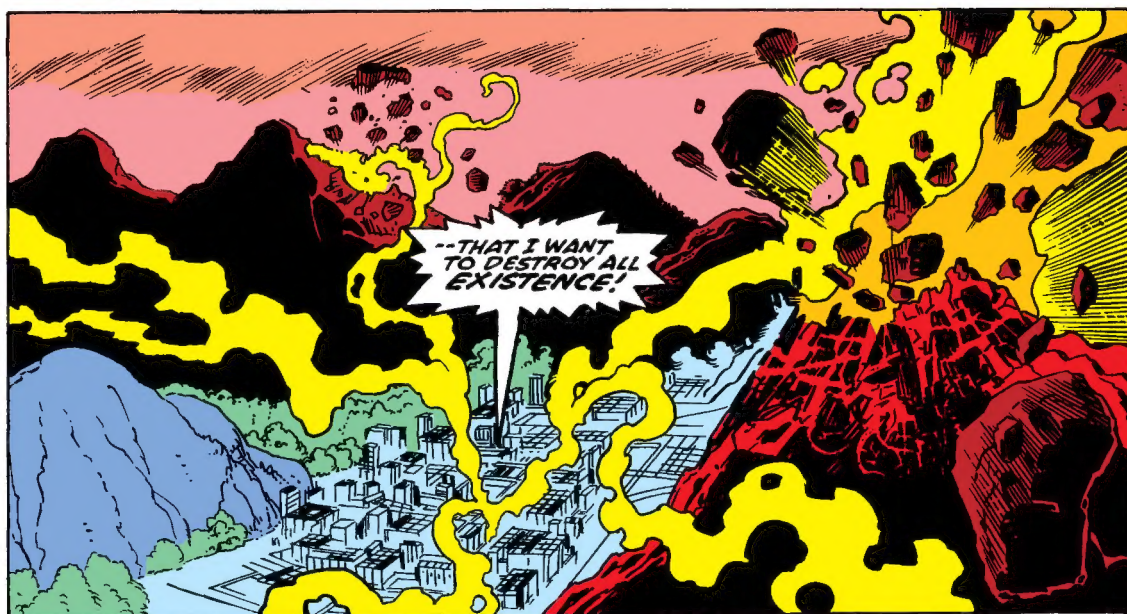
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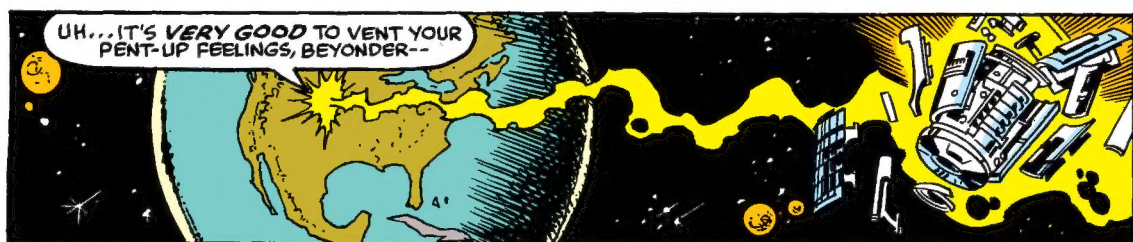
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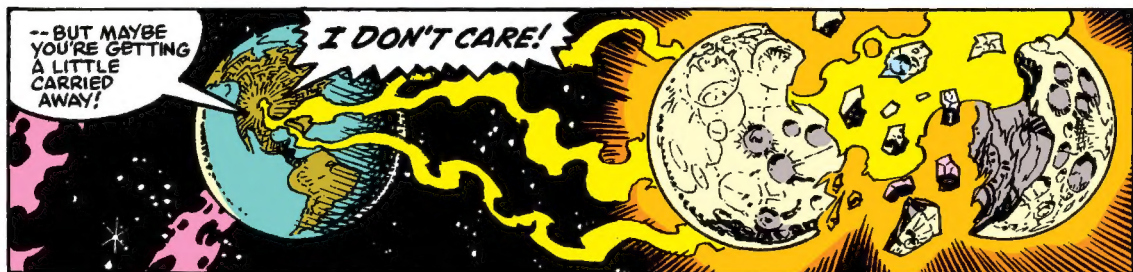
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UH...IT'S *VERY GOOD* TO VENT YOUR
PENT-UP FEELINGS, BEYONDER--



--BUT MAYBE
YOU'RE GETTING
A LITTLE
CARRIED
AWAY!

I DON'T CARE!



PLEASE,
JUST TRY
TO RELAX!

DON'T YOU
UNDERSTAND?
I'M *FED UP*
WITH THIS
PLACE--!



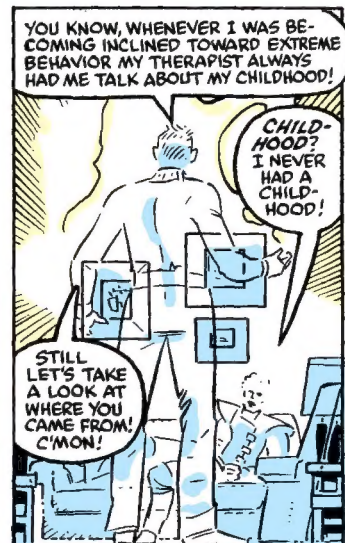
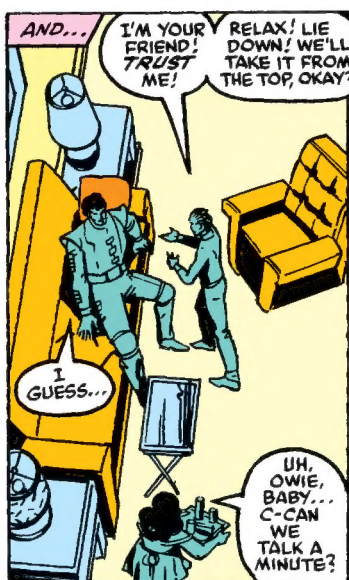
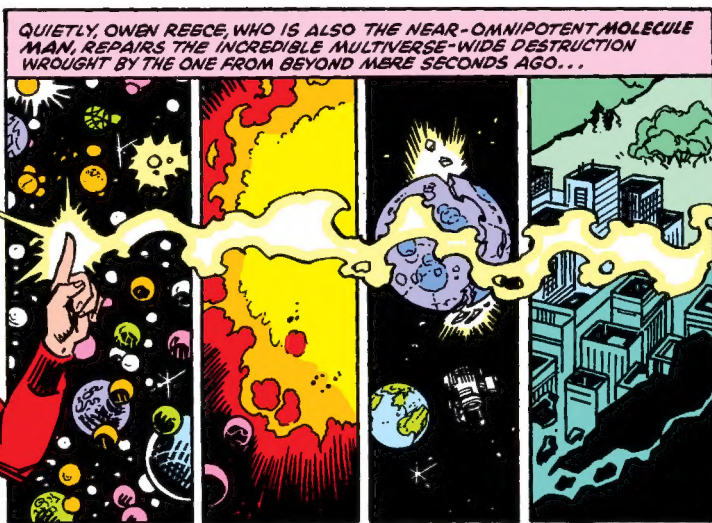
EVER SINCE
I DISCOVERED
THAT THIS
STUPID MULTI-
VERSE *EXISTED*
I'VE BEEN UN-
HAPPY! I CAN'T
STAND IT
ANYMORE!

LET'S
JUST *TALK*
ABOUT IT,
BEYONDER...
OKAY?
PLEASE?



OWIE, DARLING, WH-WHAT
HAPPENED?

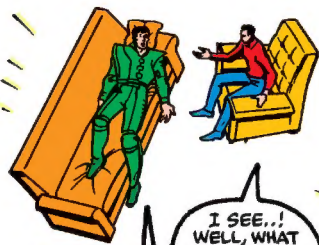
OH, THE BEYONDER JUST LET LOOSE A LITTLE ENERGY, MARSHA-- YOU
KNOW, JUST BLOWING OFF STEAM! IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, HONEYBUNCH!



O-KAY! HERE WE ARE SOMEPLACE OUTSIDE EARTH'S UNIVERSE AND ALL THE INFINITE ADJACENT DIMENSIONS WHICH MAKE UP THE MULTIVERSE--! IN OTHER WORDS, **BEYOND** ALL KNOWN EXISTENCE!

SORT OF! YOU SEE, SINCE I AM THE SUM OF **EVERYTHING** BEYOND, WITHOUT ME, IT'S NOTHING! IT'S NOT EVEN A PLACE, REALLY!

THIS **MUST** BE THE "BEYOND REALM" YOU CAME FROM, RIGHT?

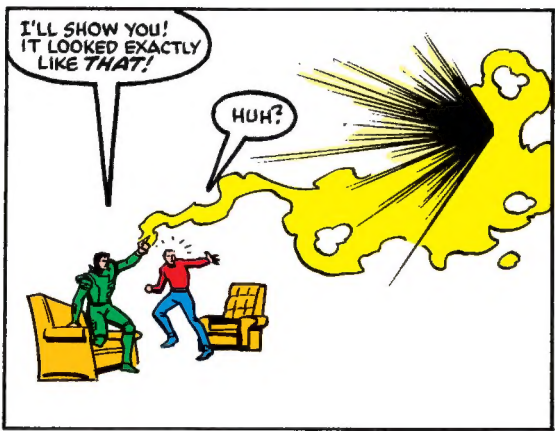


I SEE... WELL, WHAT WAS IT LIKE WHEN YOU WERE HERE?

ACTUALLY, NOT MUCH DIFFERENT... I GUESS! I MEAN, I WAS HERE, BUT I WASN'T **ANYTHING**, REALLY! I HAD NO FORM OF ORGANIZATION-- AT LEAST I DON'T **THINK** I DID!

IT'S HARD TO SAY! I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH BEFORE THE **EVENT**!

THE EVENT THAT TIPPED YOU OFF THAT SOMETHING ELSE EXISTED BESIDES YOU...? WHAT WAS THAT LIKE?



I'LL SHOW YOU! IT LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE **THAT**!

HUH?

IT WAS A **PINHOLE**-- PROBABLY CAUSED BY SOME CATAclySMIC HAPPENING IN YOUR MULTIVERSE!

AT FIRST, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF IT! AFTER A WHILE, I **LOOKED** THROUGH IT AND REALIZED THAT IT LED TO SOMEWHERE ELSE! LATER I LEARNED THAT "SOMEWHERE ELSE" WAS EARTH!

THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE WHEN IT HAPPENED, THOUGH, HUH? **EXACTLY?**



DOWN TO THE LAST PHOTON!

THEN, MAYBE IF I TAKE A CLOSE LOOK, I CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT **CAUSED** IT!



OH, MY GOSH!

THAT'S ME! THAT'S ME WHEN I HAD THE ATOMIC ACCIDENT THAT MADE ME THE MOLECULE MAN!

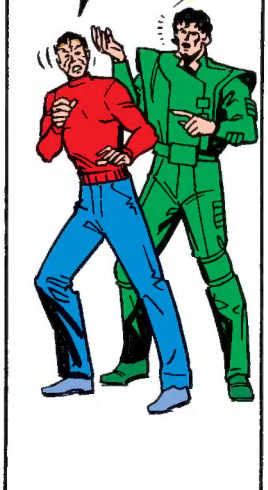
I'M THE CAUSE!

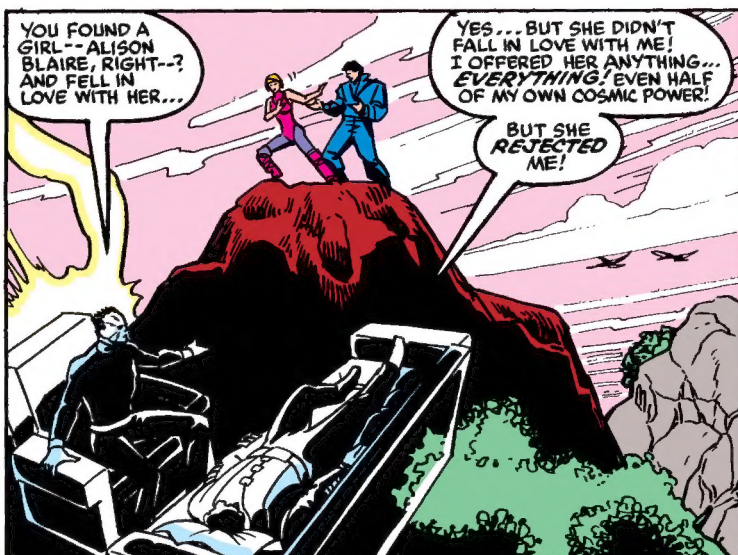
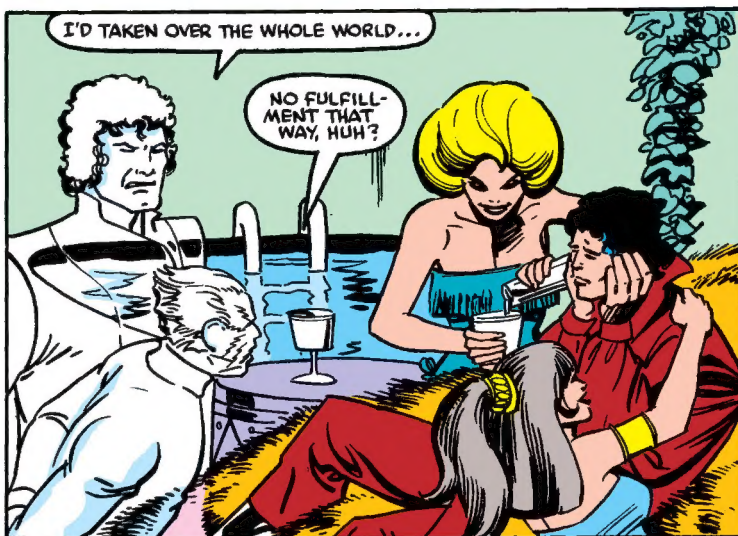
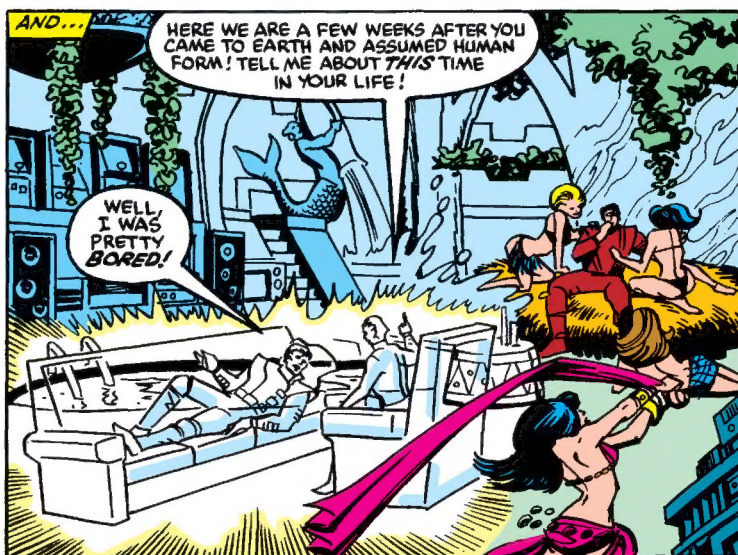


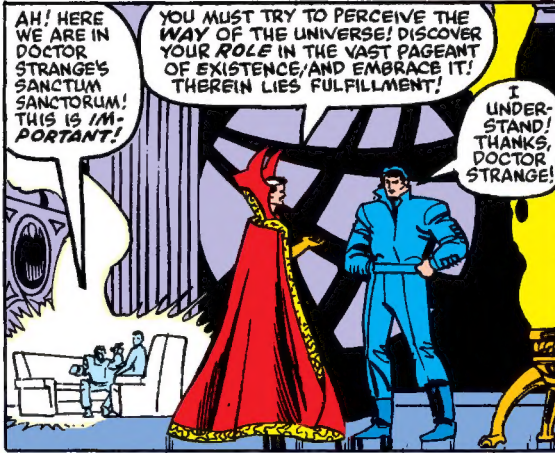
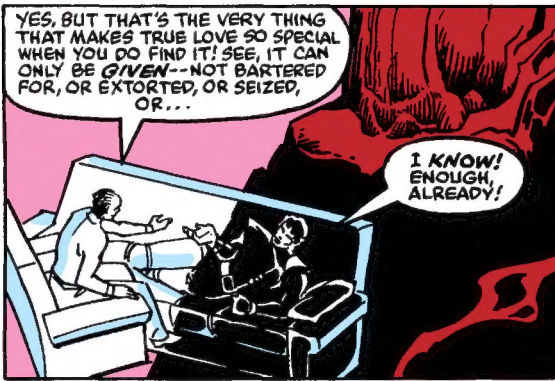
MY BECOMING THE MOLECULE MAN CAUSED ALL THIS!

WHAT'S **THAT** SUPPOSED TO MEAN? THAT YOU'RE SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR MY BEING? THAT YOU **CREATED** ME?

N-NO! I MEAN... I DON'T KNOW!









--BUT **SPIDER-MAN** INTERVENED, DISTRACTING THE PUMA, SHAKING HIS CONFIDENCE FOR A SECOND!

THAT WAS ALL IT TOOK! SEE, IF THE PUMA REALLY HAD ANY CHANCE AT ALL, IT WAS JUST AT THAT ONE INSTANT WHEN ALL THE AXES OF EXISTENCE WERE PROPERLY ALIGNED AND THE ENTIRE POWER OF THE MULTIVERSE WAS BEING CHanneled THROUGH HIM!

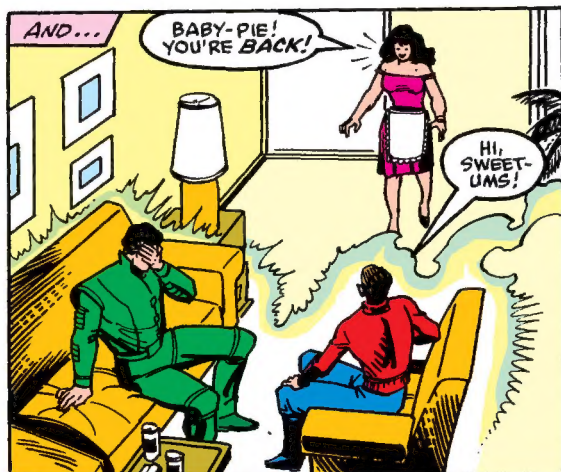
WHEN HE FINALLY STRUCK, IT WAS TOO LATE! THE MOMENT OF DESTINY HAD PASSED! HE COULDN'T HURT ME!



WOW! WERE YOU SCARED?

NO! I WAS CONVINCED--! CONVINCED THAT MY QUEST WAS A WASTE OF TIME--

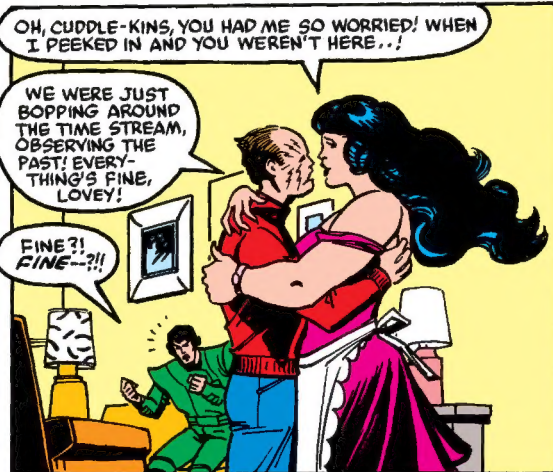
--JUST LIKE **THIS IS!** LET'S GO BACK!



AND...

BABY-PIE! YOU'RE BACK!

HI, SWEET-UMS!



OH, CUDDLE-KINS, YOU HAD ME SO WORRIED! WHEN I PEEKED IN AND YOU WEREN'T HERE...!

WE WERE JUST BOPPING AROUND THE TIME STREAM, OBSERVING THE PAST! EVERY-THING'S FINE, LOVEY!

FINE?! FINE--?!!



EVERYTHING STINKS! EVERY-THING'S ROTTEN FOR ME--! AND IF EVERYTHING'S ROTTEN FOR ME, NOTHING IS "FINE" FOR ANYONE ELSE!

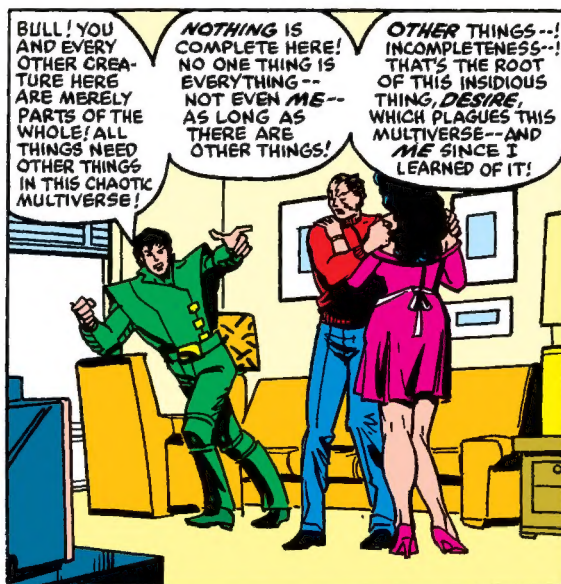
COME ON, BEYONDER, BE REASONABLE! JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T FOUND FULFILLMENT YET...



HAH! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS FULFILLMENT--! NOT AS LONG AS ANY-THING EXISTS BESIDES ME!

NOW, JUST A MINUTE--!

OF COURSE FULFILLMENT IS POSSIBLE...! I'M FULFILLED!



BULL! YOU AND EVERY OTHER CREATURE HERE ARE MERELY PARTS OF THE WHOLE! ALL THINGS NEED OTHER THINGS IN THIS CHAOTIC MULTIVERSE!

NOTHING IS COMPLETE HERE! NO ONE THING IS EVERYTHING-- NOT EVEN ME-- AS LONG AS THERE ARE OTHER THINGS!

OTHER THINGS--! INCOMPLETENESS--! THAT'S THE ROOT OF THIS INSIDIOUS THING, *DESIRE*, WHICH PLAGUES THIS MULTIVERSE--AND ME SINCE I LEARNED OF IT!

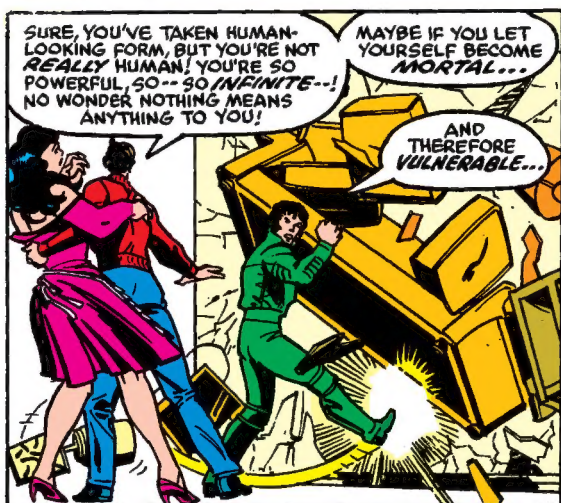


BUT I CAN FIX THAT! I CAN ELIMINATE EVERYTHING *BUT* ME! THEN, I'LL BE THE *ONLY* THING--! I'LL BE ALL THERE IS--! COMPLETE, HAPPY, *FULFILLED*--! JUST LIKE I WAS BACK IN MY OWN REALM BEFORE THE EVENT!

BUT YOU SAID YOU DON'T REMEMBER MUCH FROM BACK THEN! YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T *ANYTHING* THEN, REALLY! HOW DO YOU *KNOW* YOU WERE HAPPY?

SHUT UP!

PLEASE--! LISTEN TO ME! I-I THINK THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU HAVEN'T REALLY *TRIED* BEING PART OF THE MULTIVERSE!



SURE, YOU'VE TAKEN HUMAN-LOOKING FORM, BUT YOU'RE NOT *REALLY* HUMAN! YOU'RE SO POWERFUL, SO-- SO *INFINITE*--! NO WONDER NOTHING MEANS ANYTHING TO YOU!

MAYBE IF YOU LET YOURSELF BECOME *MORTAL*...

AND THEREFORE *VULNERABLE*...



SURE! NO FORCE IN EXISTENCE COULD POSSIBLY DESTROY ME WITHOUT MY CONSENT, SO YOU'D HAVE ME *VOLUNTARILY* ALLOW MYSELF TO HAVE SOME VULNERABILITY...

WHY? SO YOU CAN *KILL* ME?



NO-O!

HMF! YOU'RE PROBABLY TOO MUCH OF A WIMP TO TRY... BUT YOU ARE *AFRAID* OF ME--! *AFRAID* I'LL SNUFF OUT YOU AND YOUR LITTLE FOOL'S PARADISE!

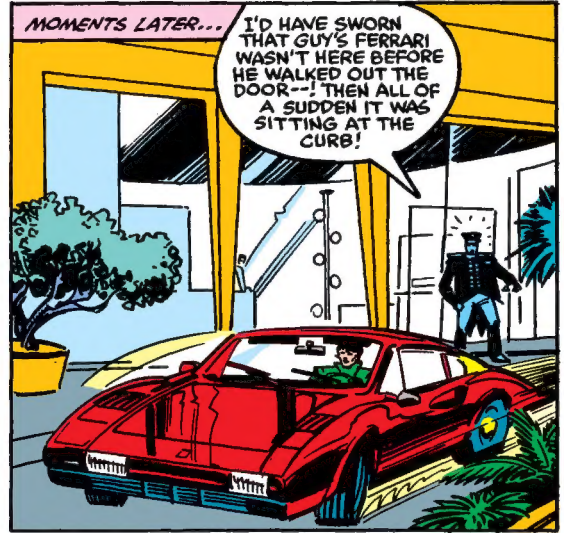
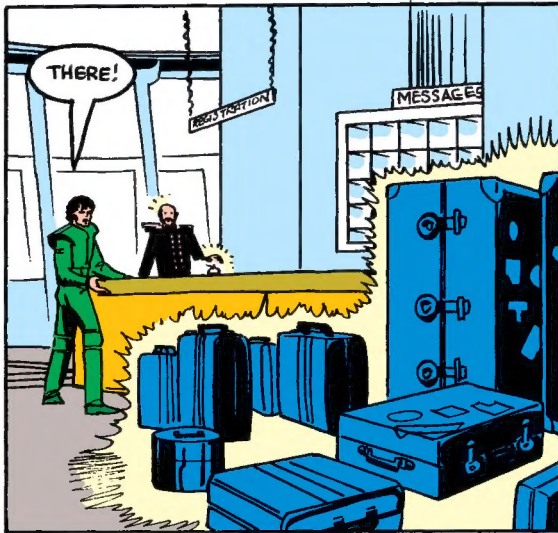
THAT'S WHAT IT IS, TOO! YOU DON'T HAVE FULFILLMENT ANY MORE THAN I DO! YOU'VE GOT A STUPID GAME YOU PLAY, YOU AND THAT COW, WITH WHICH YOU AMUSE YOURSELVES!

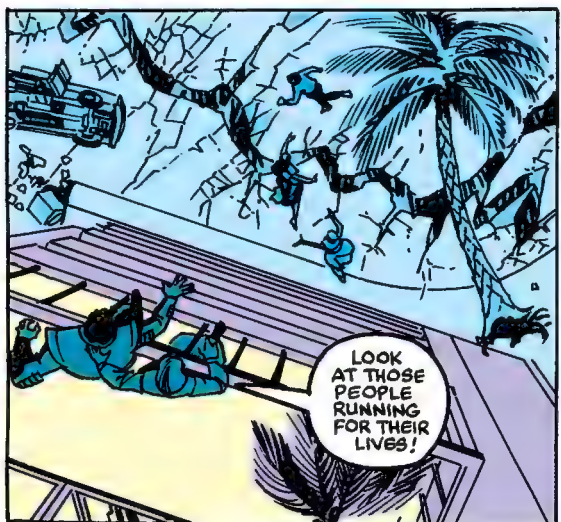
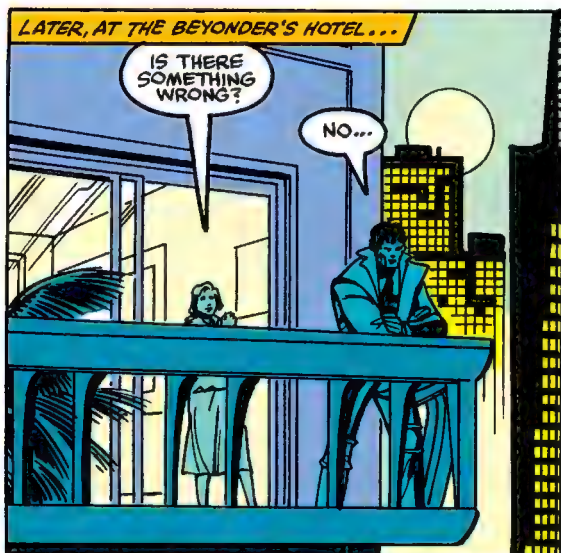
WELL, IT'S OVER NOW! I'M GOING TO DESTROY ALL EXISTENCE RIGHT NOW, STARTING WITH *YOU*!

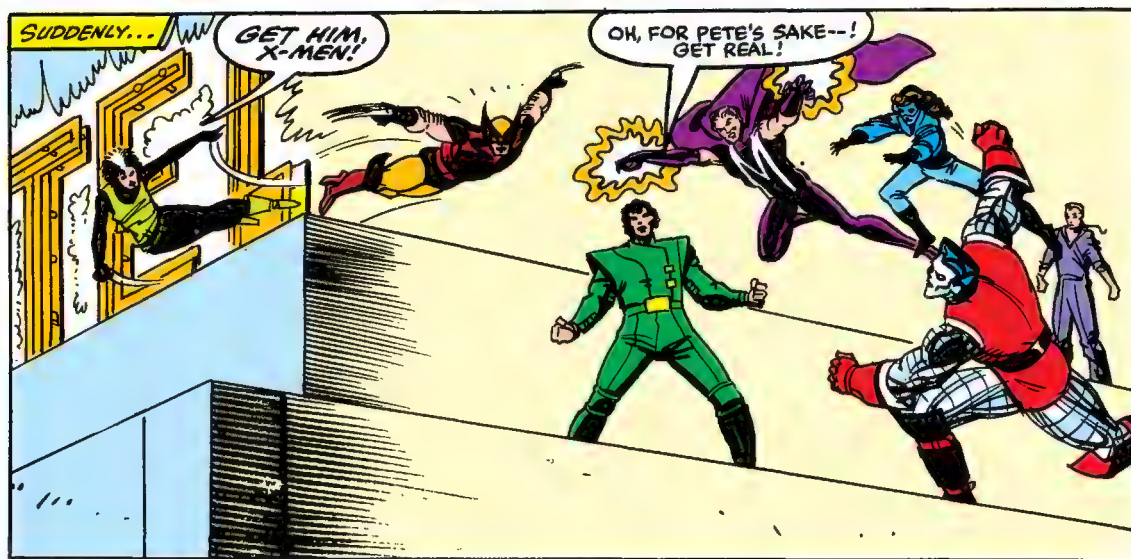
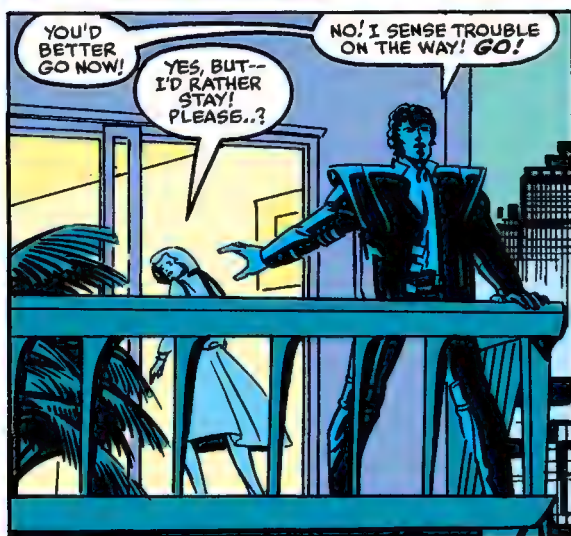
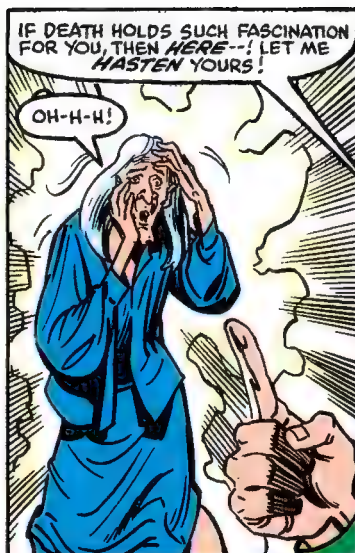


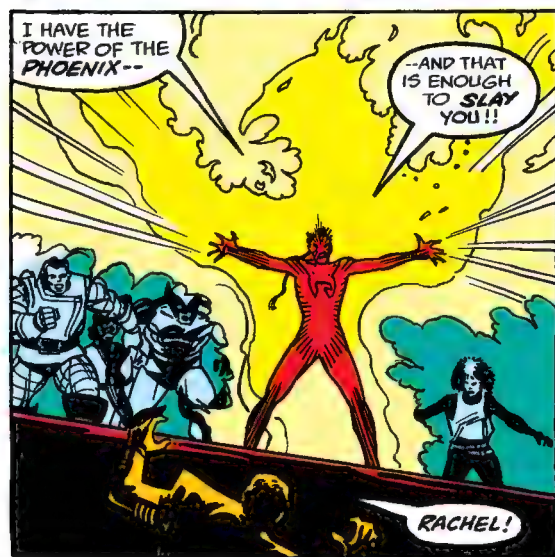
BEYONDER, WAIT-- AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU--?! PLEASE--! AT LEAST THINK IT OVER! GIVE IT SOME TIME!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL GIVE IT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! THEN I'LL BE BACK--AND THE END WILL START HERE!

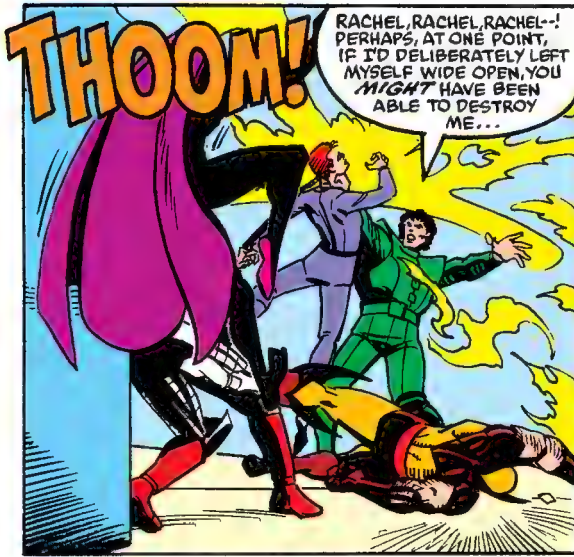






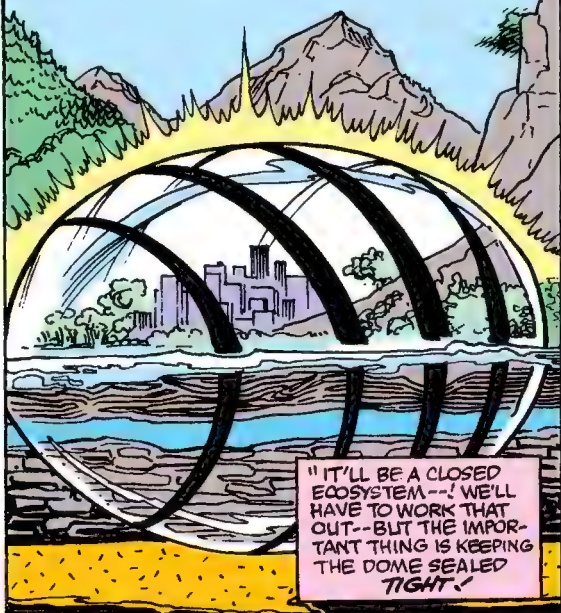






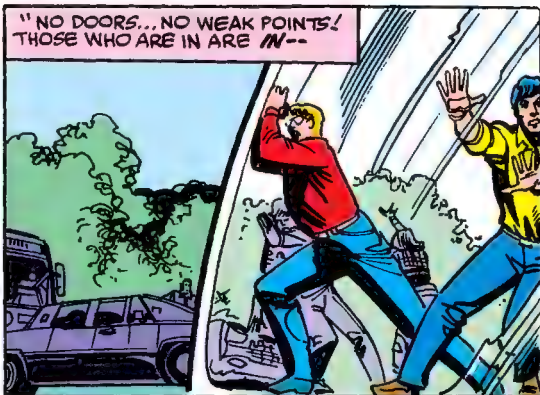
"-- TO FORM AN IMPENETRABLE **FORCE-DOME** OVER--AND UNDER--THIS WHOLE SECTION OF THE COUNTRY! MAYBE WITH ALL MY POWER BUTTRESSING THE DOME, IT'LL BE BEYONDER-PROOF!"

" THEN, WHEN HE WIPES OUT ALL EXISTENCE, AT LEAST OUR BEAUTIFUL LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD WILL SURVIVE... ADRIFT IN THE EMPTINESS!"

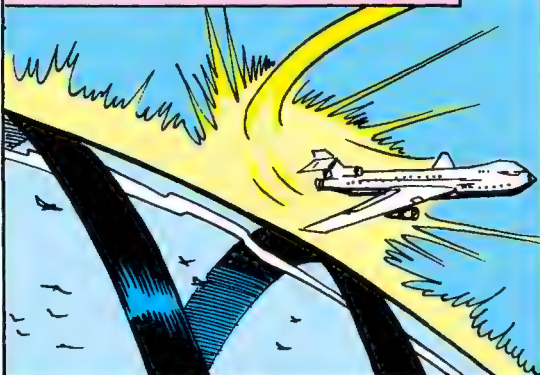


" IT'LL BE A CLOSED ECOSYSTEM--! WE'LL HAVE TO WORK THAT OUT--BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS KEEPING THE DOME SEALED TIGHT."

" NO DOORS...NO WEAK POINTS! THOSE WHO ARE IN ARE **IN**--



"-- AND THOSE WHO ARE OUT ARE **OUT**!"



JUST THEN...

IS HE SERIOUS?



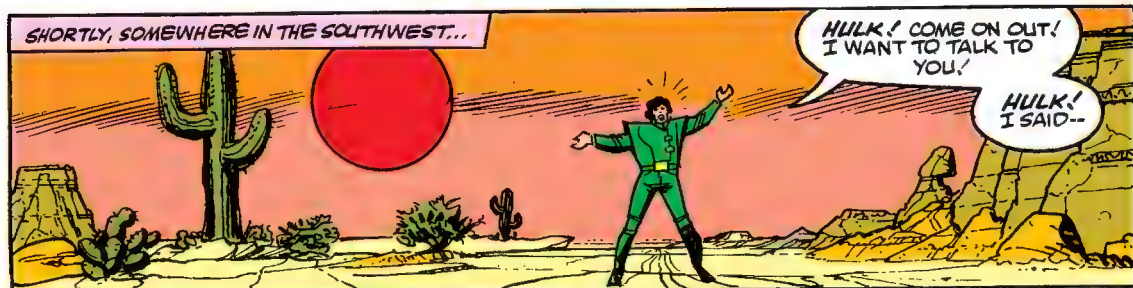
HA! I'M GLAD I HAPPENED TO BE PASSING THIS WAY! WHAT A LAUGH!

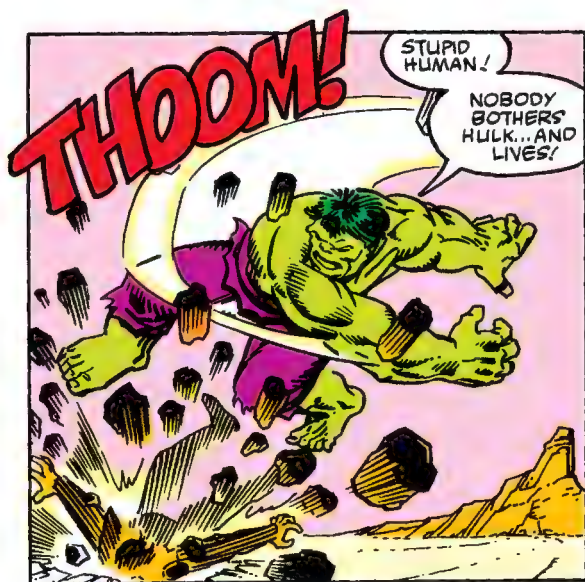


SORRY TO "BURST YOUR BUBBLE," OWIE, BUT IF I WANT IN, **NOTHING** CAN STOP ME--



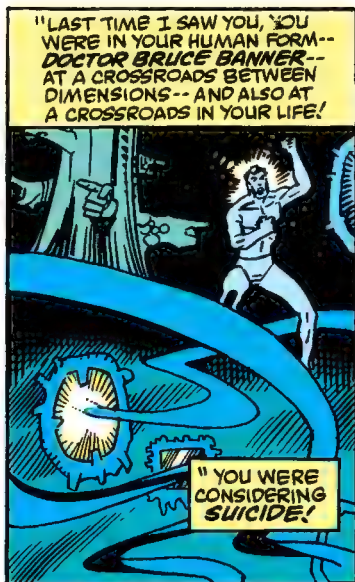
-- AND YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW IT NOW!





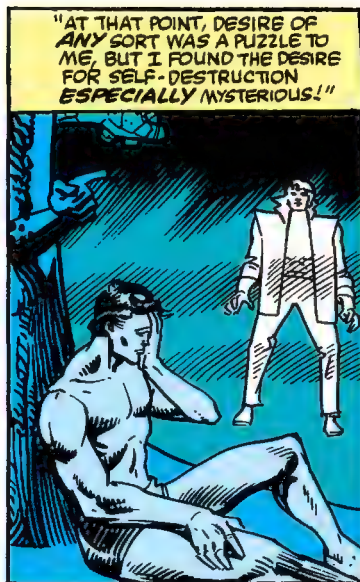


SO... I'LL JUST TAKE A LOOK INSIDE YOUR MIND AND SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU RECENTLY!



"LAST TIME I SAW YOU, YOU WERE IN YOUR HUMAN FORM-- DOCTOR BRUCE BANNER-- AT A CROSSROADS BETWEEN DIMENSIONS-- AND ALSO AT A CROSSROADS IN YOUR LIFE!

"YOU WERE CONSIDERING SUICIDE!"



"AT THAT POINT, DESIRE OF ANY SORT WAS A PUZZLE TO ME, BUT I FOUND THE DESIRE FOR SELF-DESTRUCTION ESPECIALLY MYSTERIOUS!"



I STILL DO... AND I WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT! THAT WAS MY ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN COMING TO YOU! I WANT TO STUDY THE BANNER SIDE OF YOUR BRAIN, AND--

WAIT A MINUTE! IT-- IT'S MISSING!



THERE *IS* NO BANNER-PERSONA INSIDE YOU! SOMEHOW BRUCE BANNER HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM THE HULK! *

NO WONDER YOU'RE MORE VICIOUS NOW! YOU ARE NOTHING BUT RAGING POWER PERSONIFIED! AN INFINITY OF POWER-- WITH NO FINITE ELEMENT INSIDE!

* SEE HULK #313--BOB.

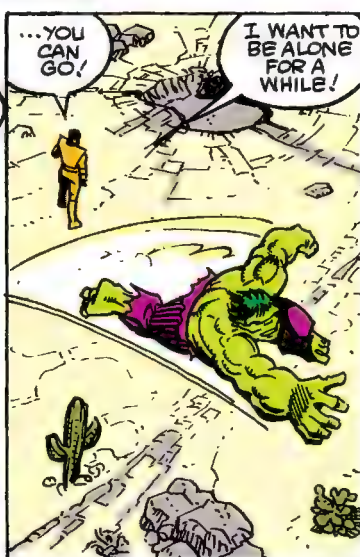


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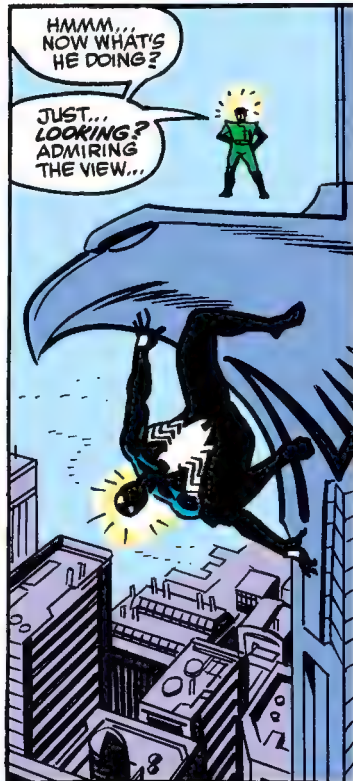
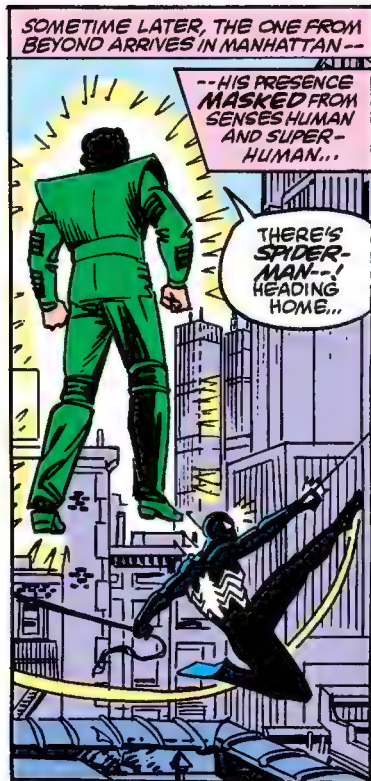
WORSE... IT REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE...

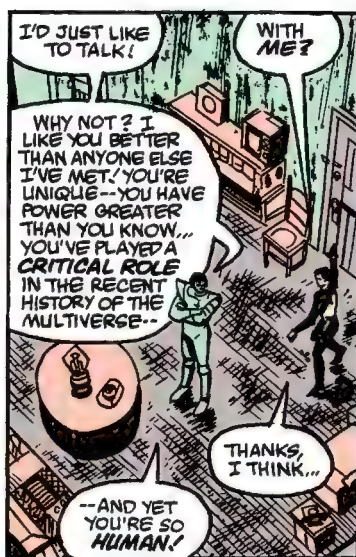
ALL RIGHT, HULK...

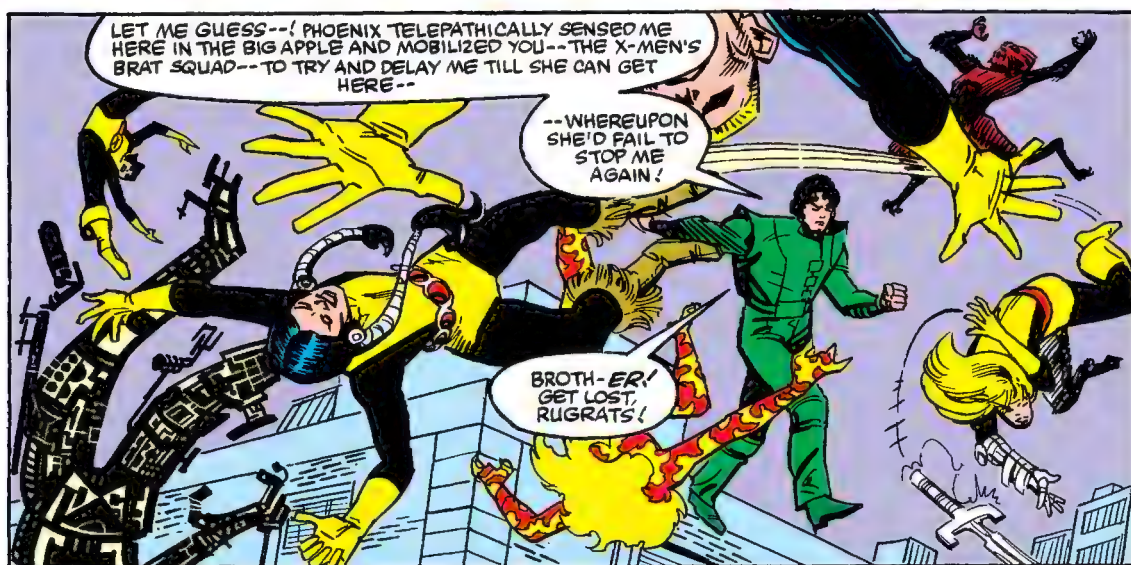
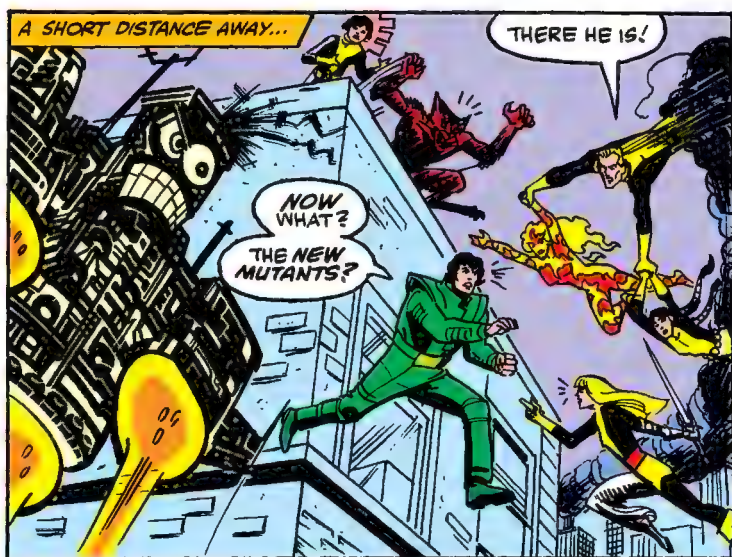


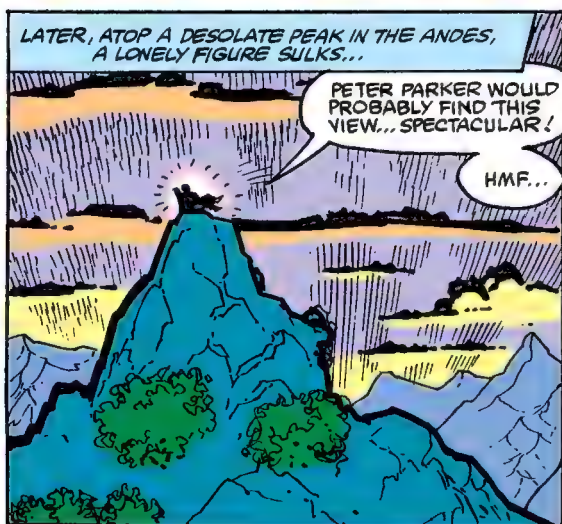
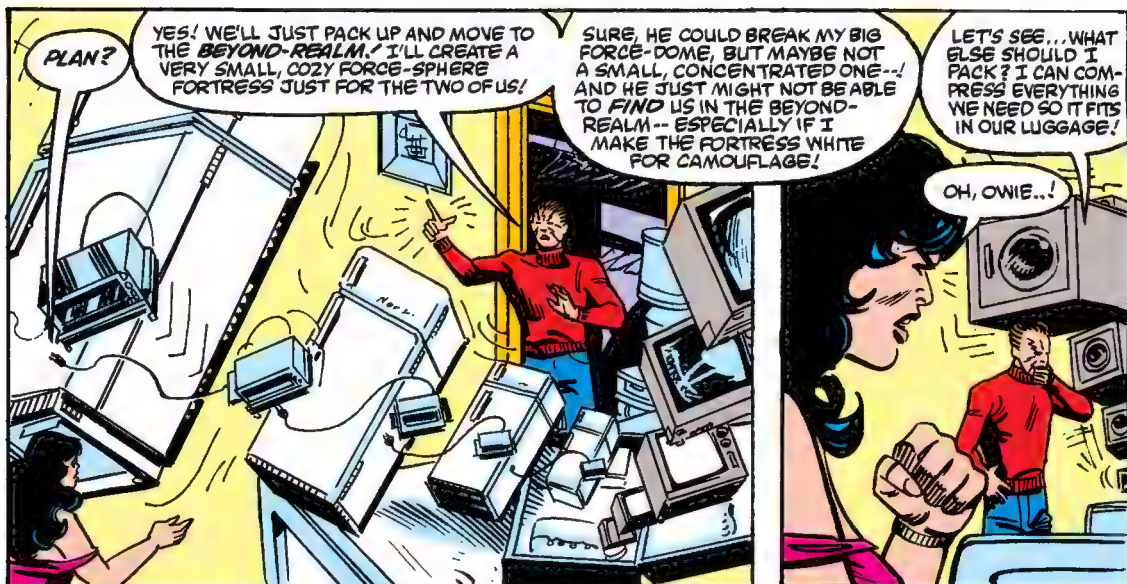
...YOU CAN GO!

I WANT TO BE ALONE FOR A WHILE!



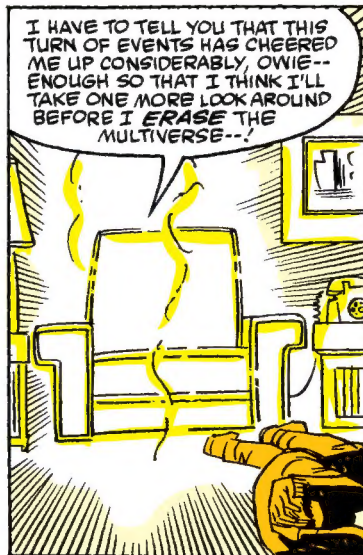
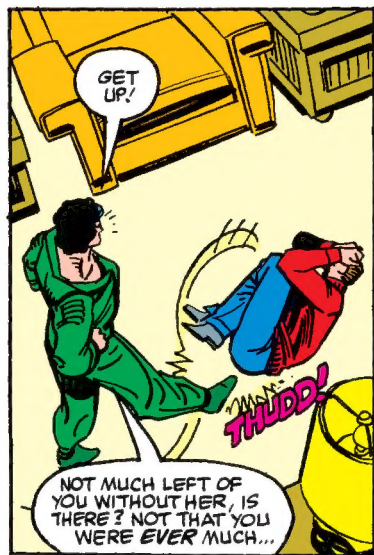
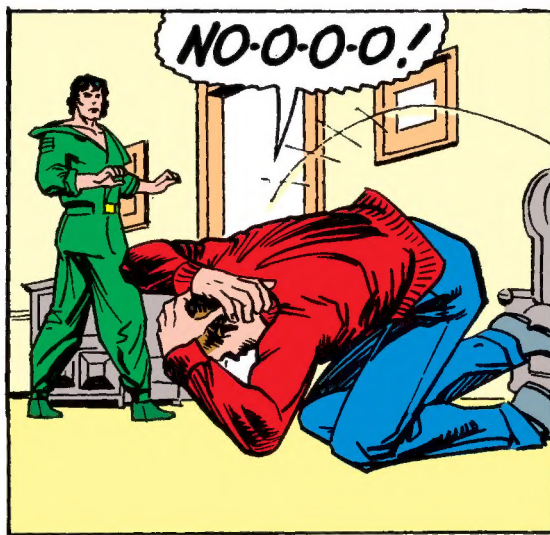
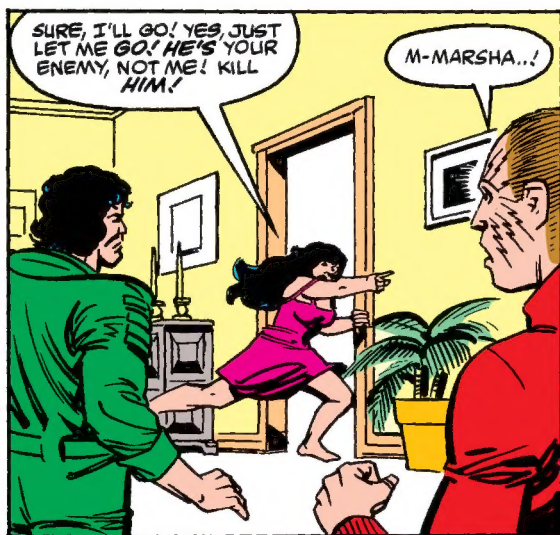


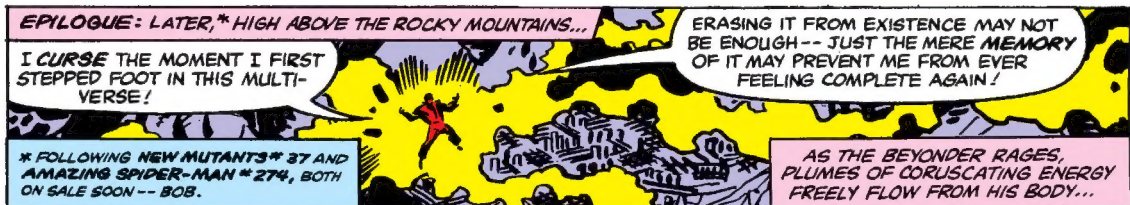
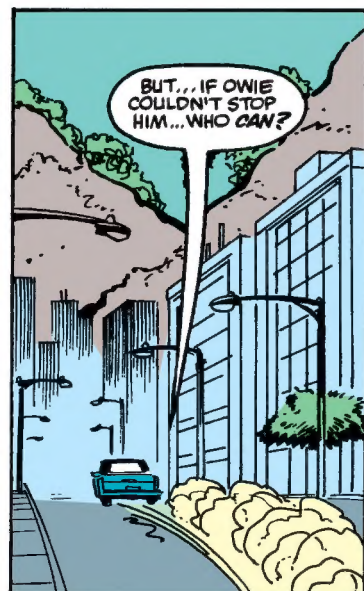
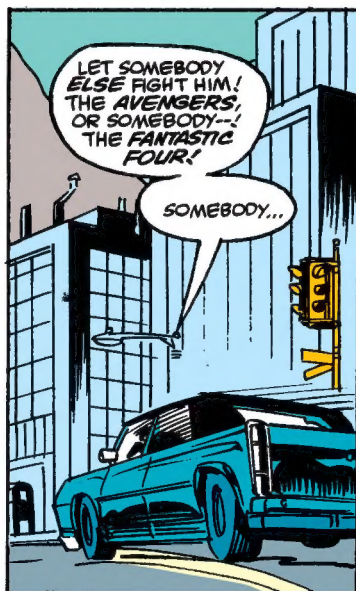
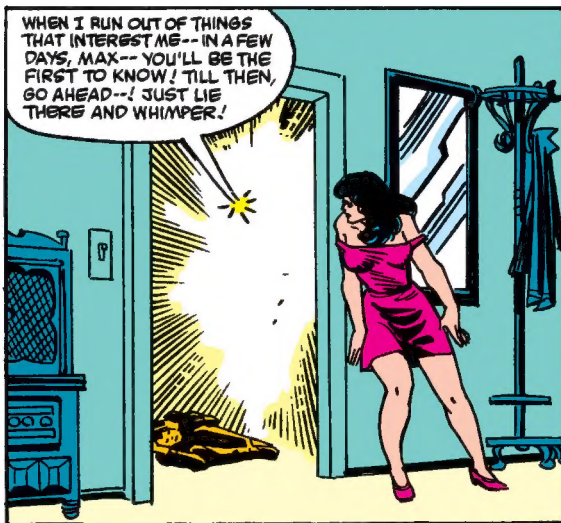


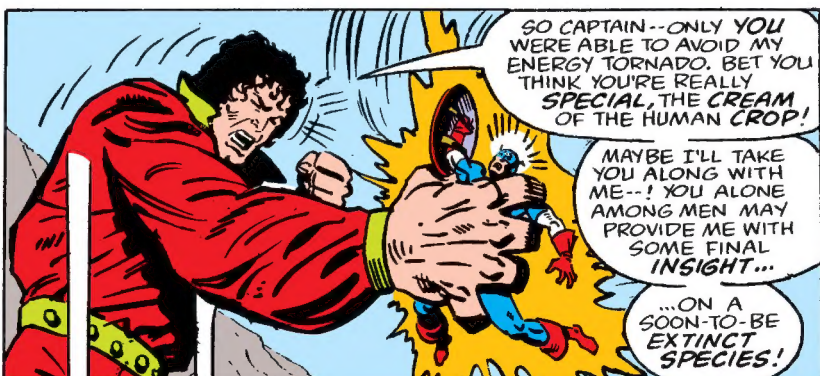
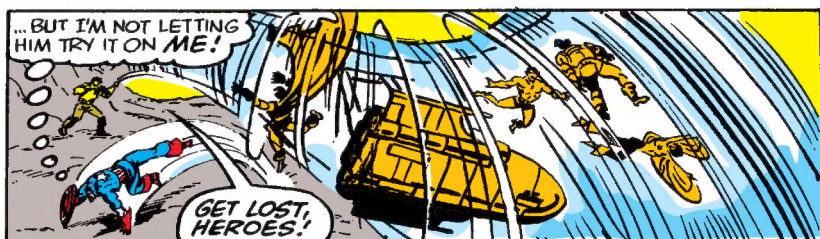
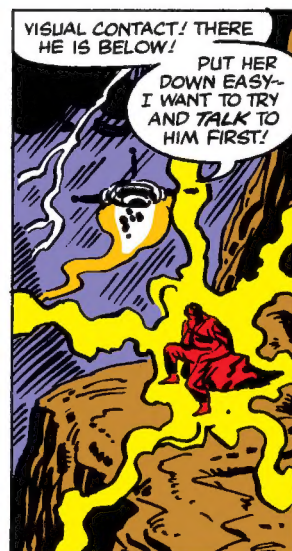
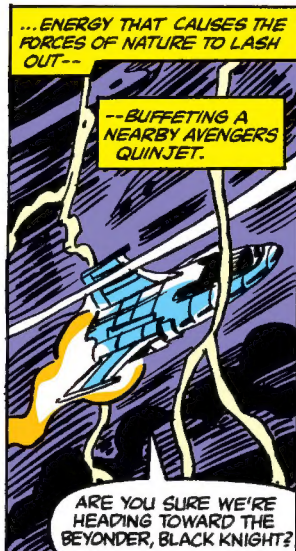












NEXT: In addition to the aforementioned *New Mutants* #37 (wherein the Beyonder sets out to destroy the New Mutants) and *Amazing Spider-Man* #274 (perhaps the web-slinger's greatest story ever, in which he's caught in a struggle of truly cosmic proportions), our tale continues...

... in *Avengers* #256, in which the mighty Avengers go into all-out action against the Beyonder to save Captain America's life!

And in *X-Men* #203, the fate of the universe hangs in the balance as Phoenix battles the Beyonder!

And, *Fantastic Four* #288 reveals at last how Doctor Doom was alive and present for the first Secret Wars, and also, what became of him! A must-buy issue!

One month from now, in *Secret Wars II* #9, our epic tale concludes in spectacular fashion! Be here for...

**GOD IN MAN,
MAN IN GOD!**



MINUTEMEN

Bluntman